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AFTER TWO DAYS' HARD FIGHTING BATTLE OF VERDUN IS HALTED

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS LULL IN FIGHTING AT VERDUN GERMANS ELSEWHERE KEPT UP HEAVY BOMBARDMENT.

Paris Claims that Germans Were Prevented from Occupying Crater at Esparges Made by Explosion of Their Mines—Germans Claim to Have Repulsed French in Latter's Effort to Retake Douamont—Berlin Says, Germans Have Made Other Advances on French Flanks and Thrusts on Vital Points in French Lines About Curving Front—Germans Claim Heavy Losses Were Sustained by French and that they Captured More than one Thousand Prisoners and a Number of Cannon and Machine Guns—For Second Time in Fortnight, Russians Have Broken Through Turkish Front—Capture of Bitlis of Twofold Importance to Russia, as it Increases Security of Russian Left Flank in Caucasus and Opens Way to Bagdad, Goal of Southern Movement to Join British.

After the intense infantry fighting of the past two days at Verdun, there has come a second halt in the struggle there. The Germans, however, continue their heavy bombardment in all sections.

At Esparges, according to Paris, the French prevented the Germans from occupying a crater made by an explosion of their mines.

The Germans claim that they repulsed the French in the latter's effort to retake Douamont. The Germans have made other advances on both of the French flanks and indications are furnished of contemplated thrusts on vital points in the lines about the curving front.

Berlin mentions heavy losses sustained by the French in the capture of more than a thousand prisoners. The number of cannon taken by the Germans since February 22nd reaches a total of 115, with 161 machine guns.

Slavs Push Through Again

Petrograd, March 4.—For the second time in a fortnight, the Russians have broken through the Turkish front. The importance of the taking of Bitlis, which was officially announced last night, is two-fold, inasmuch as it increases the security of the Russian left flank in the Caucasian operations and further opens the way to Bagdad, the goal of the southern movement to a junction with the British forces near that point.

Explosion Near Paris.

Paris, March 4.—Twenty persons were killed and a large number injured in an explosion today near St. Denis, a suburb of Paris.

French are Confident.

Paris, March 4.—General Gallieni, minister of war, told the chamber of deputies today that he is satisfied with the Verdun situation. He gave details of the reserves of men and stocks of ammunition available. During the past two days' fighting, the Germans directed their attention to the French positions west of the Meuse, between Forges and Malancourt, as well as on the Pepper Hill and Douamont positions, from which it is inferred that the Germans intend to make a second effort over a wider area than the six-kilometer front, on which they concentrated masses of men in the first phase of the struggle, with the idea that if it fails to break the line on the north, it may sever it on the northwest.

With the exception of violent assaults on Pepper Hill and Douamont the German infantry thus far has not been engaged in the fray. The command has gone out to the French troops not to let the grass grow under

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PROVENCE SUNK WITH THOUSANDS

THE FRENCH AUXILIARY CRUISER PROVENCE SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN. MANY PERISH.

CAUSED BY MINE

Survivors of Provence Say No Submarine Was Seen, Which Leads to Belief That She Struck Mine—Other Vessels Reported Sunk.

Berlin, March 4.—The sinking of two auxiliary cruisers, one a British patrol boat, by German submarines, is announced by the admiralty.

It is unknown whether one of the cruisers referred to is the Provence, which last night's official reports said, sank with a loss of 3,130 men. Paris reports that no submarine was seen by the Provence survivors.

Denial Issued at Paris.

Paris, March 4.—The Temps says the Berlin admiralty's claims that two French cruisers were sunk, are false.

Sunk by Austrian Submarine.

London, March 4.—The steamer Glava, leaving here February 29, has been sunk by an Austrian submarine. There were no Americans on board.

Greatest Ocean Disaster.

Paris, March 4.—It was announced at the French ministry of marine Friday that there were nearly 4,000 men on board the French auxiliary cruiser Provence when she was sunk in the Mediterranean on Feb. 23.

It was stated that on board the Provence were the staff of the third colonial infantry regiment, the third battalion, the second company of the first battalion, the second machine gun company and one extra company, in all nearly 4,000 men.

As the ministry of marine on Feb. 29 announced that the number of survivors of the Provence disaster was estimated at 870, it is indicated by the foregoing dispatch that over 3,130 lives were lost.

The loss of more than 3,000 lives in the sinking of the cruiser is the greatest ocean disaster of modern times. Up to the present the largest number of lives ever lost in a wreck was when the White Star liner Titanic struck an iceberg off the Newfoundland banks, April 14, 1912, and sank with a death loss of 1,595. The rescued from the Provence number 743.

The French ministry of marine had previously issued no statement as to the number of persons on the Provence when she went down.

The vessel, however, when in the trans-Atlantic service, could carry 1,960 persons, including the crew, and it has been presumed that, as she was transporting troops between ports not far apart, she was carrying a number of men larger than her normal capacity.

ALLIES' HAY IS BURNED IN GALVESTON

GALVESTON FIREMEN ARE STILL BATTLING WITH FIRE IN HAY STORED ON WATER FRONT—STARTED FRIDAY NIGHT.

Galveston, Tex., March 4.—Firemen are still fighting the flames in hay stored in a concrete compartment on the water front, which started last night from spontaneous combustion. Eighty-five hundred tons of hay stored awaiting shipment to the fire, it is believed, will burn for many hours yet. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

RICH HAUL BY BANK ROBBERS

BANK AT MOUNDS, NEAR TULSA, ROBBED OF SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS SATURDAY.

BILLS ARE BURNED

Twelve Charges of Nitro-Glycerine Used in Opening Money Chamber and Paper Money Was Partially Burned.

Tulsa, Okla., March 4.—Robbers blew the safe and wrecked the bank at Mounds, Oklahoma, early this morning, escaping with seven thousand dollars in currency.

Twelve charges of nitro-glycerine were used to force the safe, according to persons who were awakened by the explosion.

The explosion, which finally opened the money chamber, burned the currency until it will be easily identified wherever the robbers attempt to pass it.

The three men took a hand car belonging to the section foreman and escaped. They have not yet been located.

THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS IN STREET PAVING

CITIZENS OF C STREET, S. E., HAVE PREPARED A LENGTHY PETITION TO BE PRESENTED TO COMMISSIONERS, TUESDAY.

Citizens living on C street, S. E., have prepared a lengthy petition that will be presented to the city commissioners at their next regular meeting, asking that C street and Douglas avenue be made an improvement district from the Santa Fe crossing near Tyler & Simpson's to the city limits toward the cemetery. Not only have they secured the petition, but they have had plans made showing how they desire the work done, and the commissioners who have seen the plans, state that they are unique and would be most attractive, especially that portion of the district covered by Douglas Boulevard which is 30 feet wide, and could be paved without serious difficulty.

Will Gardner, it is reported, has been working on the scheme quietly for some time and it is stated that, with a very few exceptions, he has secured the signatures of every property owner along the street who seems anxious to have the work done and are willing to bear the necessary expense.

The paving of this street will be worth much toward the route to the cemetery, as from the city limits the country already maintains a very good highway. All this will come up next Tuesday night, and some disposition made of it, but from present indications, the resolution will pass unanimously.

MADE EIGHT MONTHS' TRIP

Russian Girl Finally Reaches Chicago After Perilous Trip. Chicago, Ill., March 4.—An eight months' flight to escape the horrors of war ended today when Stanislova Golba, a 16-year-old Russian girl, arrived here from Vilna, Russia, making the trip alone.

FIVE LOST IN GALE

Two Coal Barges Wrecked With Loss of Five Lives. Seaside, Mass., March 4.—Two light coal barges were wrecked last night off Cape Cod, breaking adrift from a tug. Five men were lost, while five others were washed ashore. The barges had encountered a gale.

HOUSE POSTPONES UNTIL MONDAY ACTION ON M'LEMORE RESOLUTION

ON ACCOUNT OF ABSENCE OF CONGRESSMEN, VOTE ON WARNING RESOLUTION WAS DELAYED UNTIL MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

Administration Leaders Have Prepared Rule to Dispose of Resolution by Overwhelming Majority and Thus Put an End to Wilson's Fight to Dispose of the Armed Ship Agitation—Minority Leader Kitchin has Notified Congressmen that they Will Not be Needed to Vote on the Resolution Until Tuesday at the Earliest—Bryan's Presence in Washington at this Time in Connection with Lecture Engagement Causes Speculation as to Whether this Caused Postponement of House Not Taking Vote Until Tuesday—Senate Army Bill Introduced by Chairman Chamberlain of Committee Yesterday is Most Thorough Military Preparedness Measure Ever Presented to Congress in Time of Peace, and is First of President's National Defense Bills to be Introduced.

ALL DETAILS FOR STYLE SHOW ARE COMPLETE

WHAT WILL BE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE KIND EVER ATTEMPTED HERE, PROMISES TO BE ARDMORE'S GREATEST SUCCESS.

All details for the program for the southwest auto show, which is to be held here during the style show, were settled at a meeting Friday, and the show promises to be the most elaborate ever held in the state. A night parade, with electrically decorated and illuminated cars will be a special feature in which not only dealers, but private owners, have promised to participate.

Monday, April 10, will be society night, when the parade will be given and a grand pavement dance enjoyed outside the big canvas exposition hall which will be located on the Crutcher lot, on the corner of C and Main. A daylight parade will be a feature of the same afternoon, when a prize will be offered for the best decorated car, and to the High school class which puts on the best parade.

Concerns by the Regimental Band will be featured each night at the show, and demonstrations of every character.

Messrs. Trolley, Craig and Telford will have charge of the parade features. Mr. Slaughter is securing cost data, and all information for the benefit of those who will put on electrical decorations, and Mr. Sykes will have charge of the arrangements to bring the big band here from Waukegan. The automobile men volunteered to take care of this feature, and will provide cars. Murphy will donate the necessary gasoline.

CLAIMS SHIRT MAKERS' UNION EMPLOYED HIM

MAN ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING GUARD AT SHIRT WAIST MANUFACTORY MAKES CONFESSION IMPLICATING STRIKERS.

New York, March 4.—William Sherwood, who was arrested for shooting Bennie Weinstein, a guard employed at the shirt waist manufactory, confessed today, according to the police, that he was employed by the shirt waist makers' union, the members of which organization are now on strike.

In the alleged confession, the police say Sherwood stated that he was offered a "contract" by the union under which he was to receive one hundred dollars and be put on the payroll at \$25 weekly in return for "shooting up" the guards.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The house today postponed action on the McLeMORE warning resolution to Monday, on account of the great number of absentees at the week-end.

The administration leaders are preparing a rule to dispose of the resolution by an overwhelming majority and end Wilson's fight to dispose of the armed ship agitation.

Majority Leader Kitchin has notified congressmen that they will not be needed to vote until Tuesday at the earliest.

William Jennings Bryan came to town today to fulfill his lecture engagement. The administration leaders speculated widely over whether his coming had anything to do with the delay on voting in the house and the decision of the leaders to postpone action until Tuesday.

Introduce Army Bill

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The senate army bill was introduced by Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee today. It proposes the most thorough measures for military preparedness ever presented in time of peace and is the first national defense bill urged by President Wilson to be completed and introduced.

German Memorandum Due Today

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the appendices to the German memorandum regarding armed merchant ships were on board the steamer Rotterdam, due tomorrow in New York.

Sweden Issues Warning

Stockholm, March 4.—The foreign office informs the Associated Press that a warning against embarking on armed merchantmen has been issued to Swedish citizens.

Berlin Realizes Gravity.

London, March 4.—A Zurich message says: "German newspapers publish a wireless message from Washington, emphasizing the gravity of the German-American situation. The Frankfurt Bourse, which invariably reflects news affecting German high finance, yesterday was in a condition of high panic."

COST OF LIVING HIGHER

Increase of Fifty-Seven Per Cent in Cost of Necessities in Russia.

Petrograd, March 4.—Alexander Naumoff, the new minister of agriculture, spoke in the дума today, reciting an increase of fifty-seven per cent in the cost of necessities in Russia, and a great decrease in cattle herds. He proposed the substitution of mutton, pork and fish for beef.

MANIAC SHOTS MANY

One Man Killed, Two Men and Two Women Wounded.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 4.—Antonio Pronogo, believed to be insane, stood in the doorway of his home today and, with a repeating rifle, killed one man, wounded two others, and also wounded two women before he was overpowered. One of the victims was a blind peddler.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., March 4.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is fair and warmer in the eastern portion.